

REMARKS

In response to the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, Applicant hereby requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and MPEP 1214.01.

While the Decision of the Board did affirm the prior rejections, we hereby request continued examination to consider the amended claims presented herein. In particular, the claims have been amended so that they no longer recite a flight simulation program, but rather methods and systems for providing access to flight management system software. As noted in our specification and claims, the purpose of our invention is not necessarily to provide an accurate simulation of the flying experience, but rather to allow pilots to practice using very specialized software (e.g. flight management system software) that is used in a real aircraft. To accomplish this task, we provide server systems with co-processor cards capable of running the actual flight management system software; this feature is brought out more clearly in the current claims.

We note, in particular, that the Board did not find this aspect of the prior claims in the cited art. On page 11 of the Decision, the Board finds Huffman's flight simulation would employ executable code "*based upon executable code used in an actual aircraft component*" (emphasis in original). Even so, however, neither Huffman nor any other reference of record is able to disclose any sort of technique or system for providing access to flight management system software itself. We therefore request reconsideration of the amended claims.

We also note that prior language relating to "actual flight management system software" was rejected under Section 112. Should the Examiner wish to re-visit that rejection, we would respectfully point out that the Specification as filed contains express reference to the DTTS and RACE cards manufactured by Thales Training and Simulation Ltd. (see, for example, paragraph 0028, lines 6-17 of the published application). These particular cards, while not previously having any sort of network or remote access capability, are known to execute actual flight management system software. A detailed description of these cards is provided in US Patent 6085273, which was previously submitted in an information disclosure statement and which is incorporated by reference at paragraph 0016 of the present specification.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

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